THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations every year for the projects which are prioritised in consultation with them. During 1999-2000 financial assistance was provided for 414 projects. During the year 2000-2001 an amount of Rs. 42.60 crores has been allocated for development of tourist infrastructure in the country which includes 10% of the budget earmarked for North Eastern States.

Places of Mythological significance in UNESCO's list

†1064. SMT. SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places in India registered in the UNESCO's list of places of mythological significance in the world;

(b) the number of proposals sent so far to UNESCO by Government of India in this connection togetherwith the dates of submitting these proposals; and

(c) whether any decision has so far been taken by UNESCO regarding these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Sixteen monuments protected by the Archaeological Survey of India are inscribed on UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites.

(b) Eleven proposals have been sent in June 1998 to UNESCO for inscription as World Heritage Sites.

(c) No decision has so far been taken by UNESCO in the matter.

Tourism Potentiality in Maharashtra

1065. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of tourist spots of Maharashtra listed in the Government of India's Tourism network indicating the allocated

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.